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Dr. Shravan Kumar, IRS, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Culture, Chairing the panel discussion on the "Concept of Happiness" at New Delhi. On his left is Professor G. S. Bajpai (National Law University, Delhi). Extreme right: Professor Ashok Vohra, Retired Professor of Philosophy, University of Delhi. Extreme left : Director, Anthropological Survey of India.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,



In the Delhi Seminar of March 2018 on the interconnections of development with sustainability, which in fact was our field-work based, recently concluded national project, we attempted to

examine the relationship of these variables with happiness.

It was indeed a bold attempt on our part, for anthropologists generally shy away from discussing the concepts that are rooted in individual or collective subjectivities. In spite of the reasoned victory of the interpretive approach over the positivist, we are skeptical of using concepts that are highly relativist and debatable. For instance, what may be a state of happiness for one individual may not be for the other, or the community perceptions of happiness may vary.

In spite of these thought-provoking ideas, some of which weighed against the discussion of happiness in a 'scientific forum', we went ahead with our proposal, and in addition to the individual speakers looking at the people's perception of happiness in the context of their respective studies, we also organized a panel discussion on the 'Concept of Happiness', in which we had a chance to hear different views on happiness. Dr. Shravan Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, chaired the panel.

An important achievement of this effort was clarity on the idea that the gains of development should be judged in terms of the subjective experiences of the people and happiness is one of them. The conclusions of our national project will illuminate a cross-cultural understanding of happiness, and the fact that happiness is indispensable for sustainability of development.

Vinay Kumar Srivastava

Director

RESEARCH UPDATE

Development and Sustainability

Under this National Project we have studied sixteen locations from different perspectives of development initiatives and their impact on sustenance of the society. Let us have a look at some of these:

Neil Island (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)

The Neil Island lies between 11048'27" to 11051'03" (North) latitude and 930 00'43" to 930 04'29" (East) longitude, encompassing an area of 18.90 sq. km. with a total shore length of 18.6 km. During colonial regime, this island was one of the native places of the Great Andamanese tribe. Later it turned into a place for refugee settlement and that initiated with 98

Bengali uprooted families of the then East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) referred from Rudrapur, Hastinapur, Kupars Camp and Manna Camp in three successive batches in the years 1967, 1969 and 1970 respectively. Now the Neil Island consists of five revenue villages such as Neil Kendra, Laxmanpur, Bharatpur, Ram Nagar and Sitapur. Other than the Bengali community, Tamil, Telegu and Ranchi people are also settled in this Island. Agriculture is the primary economic pursuit of this island and it is also known as the "vegetable basket" of the Bay Islands. However, post-tsunami development initiatives brought remarkable changes in land-use pattern and agricultural practices of the island. Tourism has appeared to be a potential economic prospect of the island and within no time the Neil Island has been transformed into tourists' 'hot-spot' in India.



Blue lagoon and coral watch through glass-bottom boat is major attraction to tourists at Neil Island

Khejarli Kalan (Rajasthan)

The village Khejarli Kalan is situated in the Luni Panchayat Samity of Jodhpur district. The village has made her place for the social movement of Amrita Devi, in 1730 against the act of the princely state of the Jodhpur for felling down the Khejri (*Prosopis cineraria*) tree. 363 Bishnoi people demonstrated together and sacrificed their lives for conservation of the Khejri tree on cultural faith. Another remarkable feature about this region is the concern of the rural folks, particularly the Bishnoi in protection of wildlife, despite limited resources at their disposal. Therefore the study focuses on the issues of sustainability and development from the perspective of cultural practices of ecological conservation. Khejarli Kalan is a multi-ethnic village, comprising of Rajput, Ravna Rajput, Brahmin, Sadh/Vaisnav, Jat, Bishnoi, Raika, Suthar, Prajapat, Darji, Nai,



*Samadhithal in memory of Amrita Devi
at Khejadlikalla village of Rajasthan*

Meghwal, Sargara, Harijan, Bhil, Muslim, Mirasi, Sansi, Dholi, etc. Villagers are distributed in three hamlets along with the village namely Lions Nagar, Beniwal Bishnoi Ki Dhani, and Sahid Sthal. Primary source of village economy is agriculture and cattle herding. The major crops are bajra, mung, mot, jower, gower and til. However the quantum of agricultural production depends on the vagaries of monsoon rainfall.

Saheb Nagar (Odisha)

The Saheb Nagar village of the Khordah district, Odisha, lies in close vicinity of Puri district and Cuttack district and made immense contribution to medieval religious movements in Odisha. It is the birthplace of the great poet Jayadeva, whose Gita Govinda had enormous influence in 12th century Bhakti movement in Odisha and this is also the natal village of Sishu Ananta Das of the 16th century Panchasakha movement. People of Islamic faith constitute nearly one-third of the village population. It is a village of cultural confluences of multi-streams of religious sect and faith. In view of the cultural diversity of the village, our inquiry was a humble attempt to understand theological influences in maintaining mutual relationships in day-to-day life. Further this study had an attempt to understand how both the communities were responsive to attaining goal through various development initiatives. Role of government agencies in implementing developmental schemes and villagers' perception towards those were also examined. The study also dealt with technological intervention in agricultural activities and its effect on the cultural fabric of the village.

Phalpota (Punjab)

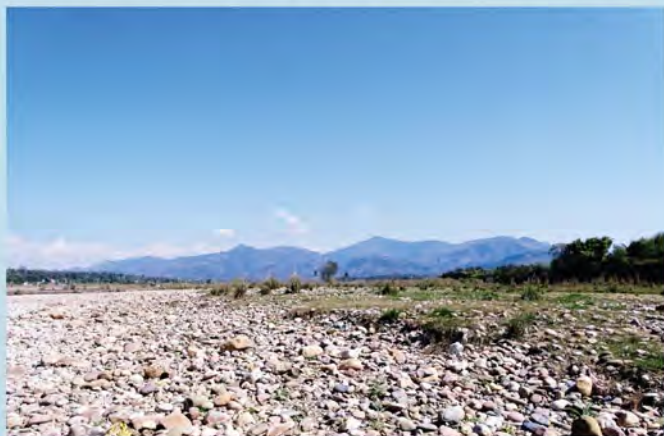
Phalpota is a multi-ethnic village of Phillaur block of Jalandhar district of Punjab. It is inhabited by twelve communities, like the Ad-Dharmi, Jat-Sikh, Ramdasi-Sikh, Namdhari-Sikh, Nai, Chiir, Brahman, Bajigar, Musalman-Kumhar, Simbe, Balmiki, and Lohar. However, the village is numerically dominated by the Ad-Dharmi community, followed by the Jat-Sikh. The Jat-Sikh is the main land-holding community of Phalpota and others have meager cultivable lands in possession. The agriculture is the main economic pursuit of the Phalpota village. Crop production is also intensified with advanced agro-technology. This study reveals that many persons from this village have migrated abroad for better prospects and many of them are permanently settled there. However, their connections are alive. It is noteworthy to mention in this context that their exposure to socio-economic settings of foreign countries is also reflected in the prosperity of Phalpota within the traditional village ethos.

Physical Growth and Development of Children in North East India : A Public Health Issue

Under this project fieldwork has been carried out in the West Garo Hills of Meghalaya for a period of one month.

Siwalik Expedition

Siwalik Hills of the north-west sub-Himalaya has witness the early hominoid evolution in the late Miocene (c. 13 - 5.5 myr), thus it is a 'hot-spot' for palaeo-anthropological researches in understanding human evolution for years. There are substantial evidences of hominin occupation in this region with both Soanian and Acheulean cultural traditions. The stretches between Bilaspur and Ghumarwin of this region are under threat of destruction



Expedition site Bam at Ghumarwin (Bilaspur) Himachal Pradesh

of Paleolithic sites due to various anthropogenic activities. Taking into consideration these facts, the North-Western Regional Centre of this Survey has taken research initiative entitled 'Siwalik Excavation'. The objectives of the projects are to recover paleo-anthropological as well as archaeological remains of this area and to understand the genetic evolution and cultural adaptation of the early hominoids. In addition, this study deals with whether the Acheulean was a phase of cultural transformation from Soanian to Acheulean or was a separate phase with independent cultural tradition.

Under this project, a team of six researchers has conducted extensive fieldwork in the Ghumarwin area of Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh as well as Upper Siwalik zone of Saketi area of Sirmour district of the same state. The team has visited a number of Stone Age and fossiliferous localities of Siwalik region in the months of January and March, 2018. They discovered a new Paleolithic locality namely 'Bam' at Ghumarwin area at Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh. This prehistoric

locality is close to the site (Haritalayangar) where from fossil remains of Sivapithecus (*Sivapithecus bilaspurensis*) were excavated. From that site bifacial hand axes along with cleavers and scrapers, which are the typical tools of the Acheulean age, have been recovered along with various types of choppers, discoids, scrapers, cores, numerous flake types and angular core fragments of Soanian cultural period. The artifacts have been observed on surface context as well as very little in stratified condition. This is the first time that we found a large number of Acheulean artefacts along with the Soanian tools from Indian Siwaliks. It has been noticed that in a few localities most of the artifacts are fresh and show minimal rolling which indicates their nearby primary locality/localities. Acheulean assemblage is shaped on large flakes displaying parallel reduction sequences and trimming into cleavers, besides the discoids, tortoise cores on pebbles/cobbles. It is interesting to mention that suitable raw materials for making stone tools along with stone anvils have been noticed in this locality. The present findings from the unexplored site at Ghumarwin indicate that river Sutlej and its tributaries have been a prehistoric corridor for the peninsular Acheulean man into the Siwalik region.



Surface collection of Acheulean artifacts and Soanian tools

EVENTS

Capacity building

National workshop on conservation of wooden objects

In collaboration with the Raipur Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India, the Sub-Regional Centre, Jagdalpur of the Anthropological Survey of India, organized a National Workshop on conservation of Wooden Objects on 25th January 2018. The inaugural session was graced by Shri Shailendra Kumar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Bastar University, as Chief Guest and with Shri S.P. Tiwari as Guest of Honour of the workshop. Dr. Manoj Kumar Kurmi, Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Raipur Circle, delivered the welcome address.

On this occasion an exhibition on the theme of the workshop was installed by the Archaeological Survey of India, which was inaugurated by the Chief Guest of the workshop, Shri S.K. Singh, Vice Chancellor, Bastar University. The participants of the

workshop were primarily the students of various departments of Bastar University, experts, teachers and faculties of Bastar University. The first technical session began with a lecture delivered by Shri Sanjay Kumar Shukla, Assistant Keeper, Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur, on "Preventive care and collection management of wooden objects". The second lecture in the series was delivered by Shri Sarabjeet Singh, Assistant Keeper, Zonal Anthropological Museum, Jagdalpur, on "Conservation of Museum Specimens". The second session began with lectures delivered by the subject experts of Archaeological Survey of India, Raipur circle.

Guru-sishya parampara - Workshop on Bhil/Bhil Meena art and painting

The Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of the Anthropological Survey of India, organized a three days' workshop on Bhil/Bhil Meena Art and Painting from 25th February, 2018 to 27th



While abstract speaks volume- Bhil/Bhil Meena artists at workshop

February 2018. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri H. K. Damor, Member, National Commission of Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi. Shri Vishnu Kharade graced the function as Chief Guest. In that workshop, twenty Bhil/Bhil Meena youths from various places of Udaipur, Dhungarhpur, Banswara and Jaisamand district of Rajasthan, participated with enthusiasm and delivered their aesthetic sense through traditional paintings. Most of the paintings depicted deep belief system of the society. Various motifs observed in these paintings were linked with natural objects, geomorphic, zoomorphic, anthropomorphic, floral and abstract. Dr. Purna Shanker Meena, an eminent Bhil artist and former Vice Principal of the Salumbar Government College, Udaipur, and Dr. Jaspal Baranda, a prominent Bhil artist and former Rajiv Gandhi Senior Research Fellow, Department of Visual Art, Mohanlal Sukhadia, Udaipur, participated as guru (resource persons) in the workshop.

Cultural Programme

In view of in-situ conservation as well as promotion of the intangible cultural heritage of the islands, the Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair of the Survey, organized cultural programme on music and dance of the Ranchi (ethnic groups of Chhotonagpur origin) community in the evening of 25th February, 2018 at the Community Hall of Parnashala Gram Panchayat Office. Dr. Ram Kanta Halder, Chief Medical Officer, Community Health Centre, Rangat, was the Chief Guest of the cultural programme. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Halder appreciated the efforts of the Anthropological Survey of India in organizing these health camps as well as promoting traditional heritage at grass root level among the inaccessible and backward villages/areas of the islands.



Recapitulation- performances of the Ranchi Community, North Andaman

Health Awareness-cum-Screening Prorammes

- The Central Regional Centre, Nagpur, organized a five days screening camp for Sickle Cell Anaemia (SCA) and Thalassaemia (beta-thal) during the 7th Science Expo - 2018 at Raman Science Centre, Nagpur, from 17th January to 21st January, 2018. In that camp 268 individuals were screened.
- A health awareness-cum-screening camp of Beta Thalassaemia and biological variables was conducted among the Lodha tribes of Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal from 21st February to 24th February, 2018.



Health screening camp among the Ranchi community, Andaman

- A health camp on the Andh tribal community was organized in Kinwat tehsil of Nanded district of Maharashtra from 26th February to 28th February, 2018. During the camp, 580 intravenous blood samples were brought from unrelated premarital children of both genders for detection of Sickle-cell anaemia and Beta-thalassaemia. Besides other parameters like height, weight, blood pressure, ABO and Rh blood groups, random blood sugar (483) were also taken into cognizance.
- Health Awareness-cum-Screening Camp was organized at Gariyabandh District of Chhattisgarh for screening of beta-thalassaemia and biological variables among the Kamar Tribe from 12th March, to 19th March, 2018.

DOCUMENTATION AND DISSEMINATION

Dance Festival of the Bhils of Vagad Region, Rajasthan

Dance, as a part of intangible cultural heritage, is the most powerful cultural expression of the Bhil communities of the Vagad region of Rajasthan. Their dance and music is intrinsically linked with ritual and ceremonies on one hand and economic activities, expression of emotions on the other. In order to showcase and document traditional dance of the Bhil tribe of Vagad region of Rajasthan, a dance festival was organized by

the Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of the Anthropological Survey of India, on 27th February, 2018. Since Banswada district is located in the core area of Vagad region, altogether twenty one Bhils from Ghartara and adjacent villages of Kusalgarh tehsil of Banswada district participated in this festival. They performed various forms of dance like halaso dance, rai-budia dance, and marriage dance and also performed devotional song. Halaso dance is performed in all seasons but mainly during Holi. It is always accompanied by the songs of love, glory and



Communicating culture- Bhil ladies in the dance festival

defeat. Men and women move in a circle. During marriage both men and women participate and dance together. It is believed that the mother earth, the goddess of fertility, is physically present during the marriage dance to bless the new couple if marriage dance is performed. Rai-budia dance is basically a dance drama with central figure of rai and budia, the characters found in gavri dance drama of Mevad region. A few divisional songs which are primarily performed during religious observances are also performed in that festival. The main aim of the Survey was to audio-visual document and showcase traditional music and dance of the Bhils of Vagad eco-cultural zone, which is on wane.

Audio-visual documentation

- The Southern Regional Centre, Mysuru, carried out photographic documentation of the Heththai or Heththai Amman festival of the Badaga community at Peragani and Korakorai villages in Nilgiri district from 4th January to 5th January, 2018.
- The Southern Regional Centre, Mysuru, undertook editing of the video-recording of the festivities and ceremonies of the Toda and Kattunayakan ST Communities.
- Dr. Krishna Basu, Research Associate (Cultural) of the Eastern Regional Centre initiated editing of her documentary film on Applique of Pipli, Odisha.



Hetthai amman festival of the Badaga at Karakorai in Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu

Exhibition

- The exhibition on "Bio-cultural Evolution of Man" was organized by Central Regional Centre, Nagpur at Raman Science Centre and Planetarium, Nagpur, for the period from 17th January to 21st January, 2018 in the 7th Science Expo - 2018' in which 15 organizations of Nagpur showcased their activities and performances. Total footfall was about 42,000 and students from school and colleges and general visitors attended the exhibition. The whole exhibition was covered by the print and electronic media.



Exhibition on "Bio-cultural Evolution of Man" at Raman Science Centre and Planetarium

- An exhibition on 'People of India' was organized at Delhi University, Delhi, from 22nd March to 23rd March, 2018 by the Exhibition Team of Central Regional Centre, Nagpur. The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Yogesh Atal, Former Principal Director in Social Sciences, UNESCO. Prof. Vinay Kumar Shrivastava, Director, Anthropological Survey of India Kolkata, Dr. Shravan Kumar, Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Culture, and Prof. G. S. Bajpai, Register, National Law University, Delhi, were also present in the function.

- The North-Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong organised two-days long Art and Craft Exhibition and Traditional Dance Competition programme among the Mishing of Dergaon Village of Assam from 15th March, 2018 to 16th March, 2018.



Exhibition on 'People of India' at Delhi University

Seminar

The Anthropological Survey of India organized a two days' National Seminar entitled "Development and Sustainability: Habitat, Health and Happiness" on 22nd and 23rd of March, 2018 at the Conference Hall, University Guest House, University



On the Chair Prof. Yogesh Atal in an academic session of "Development and Sustainability: Habitat, Health and Happiness"

of Delhi in New Delhi. The Seminar intended to look at the relationship between environment, health standards and social structure. It also envisioned to discuss the concept of happiness, a concept which has not acquired the kind of respectability in social sciences as it should have, although some people have

hinted at the relationship between development and happiness. The Seminar examined the dialectics of habitat, health and happiness.

The welcome address of the Seminar was delivered by Prof. Vinay Kumar Shrivastava, Director, Anthropological Survey of India. Prof. Yogesh Atal, Principal Director in Social Science (Rtd.) UNESCO delivered the key note address. Altogether eighteen research paper were presented on the relevant topics. Apart from that a notable panel discussion was organised on the 'Concept of Happiness'. The session was chaired by Dr. Shravan Kumar, Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Culture.

The seminar was attended by hundreds of scholars from different institutes and discipline. During the two days' Seminar, research articles and lectures were presented by eminent anthropologists and social scientists of the country. On the basis of these deliberations, we may try to reach an understanding on the future of development in India and the global context.

Guest Lectures

- The Eastern Regional Centre, Salt Lake of the Survey organised a Guest Lecture on the "Life and Philosophy of Kabir" on 21st February, 2018 at its conference hall. Prof. Amit Dey, Department of History, University of Calcutta, was the guest speaker. Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava chaired the talk.
- Shri S. Visahan, an archaeologist and anthropologist from Angkor Group, London, UK, delivered lecture on "Ancient South Indian Cultures and their Connections in South East Asia", which was organized by the Southern Regional Centre, Mysuru on 5th February, 2018.



An afternoon with Prof. Amit Dey

NEWS

Workshop on "Role of Anthropology in Promoting National Integrity and Drawing Competition"

The Sub-Regional Centre, Jagdalpur of the Anthropological Survey of India, organised a workshop on "Role of Anthropology in Promoting National Integrity" on 27th January 2018, which was followed by drawing competition based on the theme of the workshop among the school children of the city on 28th January, 2018 in the office premises. That workshop was chaired by Dr. B. L. Jha, Former Principal, Danteshwari Mahila College, Jagdalpur, and co-chaired by the guest of honour, Dr. Sanjay Shukla, Assistant Keeper, Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur, and Dr. K. M. Sinha Roy, Head of Office, Sub-Regional Centre, Jagdalpur. Besides the local guests, R. Lightbulb Winders from Washington, USA, was the special guest. Besides eminent scholars of anthropology, sociology, history, social activists, advocates, environmentalists, students of various disciplines from Bastar participated in that workshop. Followed by the workshop, the Zonal Anthropological Museum of the Sub-Regional Centre organised a sit and draw competition for the school children on 28th January, 2018. All together 120 students from various schools of the town participated with enthusiasm.



Prodigies- conceptualizing theme

Manpower Training Programme

- Shri R. N. Naidu, Assistant Anthropologist (Physical) and Shri Joy Das, Research Associate (Bio-chemistry) were nominated as official delegates for attending "International Interdisciplinary Winter School" organized by Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, from 8th to 12th January, 2018.
- A contingent of Research Personnel of this Survey participated as official delegates in the "International Interdisciplinary

Winter School" organized by Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, from 8th January, 2018 to 12th January, 2018.

- A contingent of Assistant Keepers of all Zonal Anthropological Museums of the Survey attended an International conference and meeting of the ICOM-INTERCOM, on the theme of creating "Entrepreneurial management in Museums". It was organised by ICOM, India 23rd February to 25th February 2018 at Emami Art Centre and Indian Museum, Kolkata.
- A three day long workshop on the ongoing National Project, "Development and Sustainability" was carried out in Kolkata from 7th March, 2018 to 9th March, 2018 in connection with evaluation of draft reports on sixteen various locations studied under that project. In that course all the reports were presented and discussed at length. Research personnel and research fellows from various research centers of the Survey participated in the said programme.



Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava on supervising of finalization of the Research Project "Development and Sustainability"

- A contingent of Assistant Keepers of all Zonal Anthropological Museums of the Survey attended National Workshop on "Anthropology and Museum" organized by the Indian Museum in collaboration with the Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata and Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal from 15th March and 16th March, 2018 in Kolkata.
- Dr. Abhishikta Ghosh Roy, Anthropologist (Physical) of this Survey attended workshop on "Biodiversity Conservation" for women scientists / technologists at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

Collaborative Programme

- In commemoration with the National Day for Girl Child on 25th January 2018, on the theme "Sampada - girls are treasure", a photographic exhibition entitled 'Shakti Avivyakti - the expressions of daughters of Island' was organised by the Zonal Anthropological Museum of the Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre of the Survey in collaboration with the Department of Social welfare, Andaman and Nicobar administration and the Department of Art and Culture, Andaman and Nicobar administration. The exhibition was



Inauguration of the photographic exhibition 'Shakti Avivyakti - the expression of daughters of Island'

inaugurated by lighting of lamp by Smt. Chitra Joshi, the first lady of Andaman, Chief Guest of the exhibition; Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director of the Survey; Smt. Rashmi Singh, Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Smt. Neha Bansal, Secretary, Art and Culture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration. In continuation of the celebration of the day, the Zonal Anthropological Museum also organised museum street theatres for creating mass-awareness regarding museum. In that programme students of Visual Art, Model Secondary School presented Nukad Natak "Battle of Aberdeen" in form of a Proscenium Theater and NSS volunteers and Nicobarese girl performed traditional dances in order to convey the rich history and tribal heritage of the islands beyond the boundary of the museum.

- Under the scheme Survey also extended financial assistance to some other reputed organizations/ institutes/ departments in promotion of academic exercises related to anthropology and allied disciplines:
1. Organised workshop on "International Interdisciplinary Winter School" as official delegate held from 8th to 12th January, 2018 in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh.

2. In collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, West Bengal State University, Barasat, in organizing International Conference on "Indigenous People, Human Security, Sustainability and Development: Emerging Challenges in the Present Global Context" from 19th January, 2018 to 21st January, 2018.
3. Organising National Workshop on "Perspectives in Palaeo-anthropology and Human Evolution: Concept, Methods and Issues" with Punjab University, Chandigarh, from 6th February to 9th February, 2018.
4. Organised National Workshop on "Research Methodology in Social Sciences" with the Department of Anthropology, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar, from 15th February, 2018 to 17th February, 2018.
5. Organised National Seminar on "Anthropology, Health and Development: Trends and Future Perspectives" with Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, from 20th February to 21st February, 2018.
6. Organised National Seminar on "Changing Facets of Human Biology and Culture: Prospects for Development" with Gauhati University, from 21st February to 23rd February, 2018.
7. Hosted International Seminar on "Social and Political Movements in Odisha: Past and Present" in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, from 21st February to 23rd February, 2018.
8. In organizing National Seminar on "Perspective of Land, Water and Population: Issues and Challenges" with Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, from 26th February to 28th February, 2018.
9. In organizing National Seminar on "Anthropology: Institutional Settings and Cross Currents" with Hyderabad University on 28th February, 2018.
10. Organised workshop on "Research Methodology in Anthropology" with the Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta, from 6th March to 16th March, 2018.
11. Organised National Seminar on "Relevance of Medical Anthropology and Tribal Health Care Systems in the Globalizing World" at School of Studies in Anthropology, Pt. Ravishankar University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 16th March to 18th March, 2018.
12. Organised National Seminar on "Redefining Concepts: Tribes, Caste and Family" at Department of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow, from 26th March to 27th March, 2018.

Representation of Survey / Government of India, in India / Abroad

- Dr. C.R. Mondal, Research Associate (Physical) of this Survey was nominated to participate in the International Conference on "Indigenous People, Human Security, Sustainability and Development: Emerging Challenges in the Present Global Context" organized by the Department of Anthropology, West Bengal State University, from 19th January, 2018 to 21st January, 2018.
- Dr. M. Nani Babu, Research Associate (Physical) and Shri Samir Biswas, Research Associate (Ecology), were nominated to participate as official delegates of this Survey in the National Seminar on "Indian Tribal Communities: Development Problems and Challenges" from 7th February to 9th February, 2018, organized by the Department of Anthropology and Kannada Language Studies, Vidyananya, Karnataka Kannada University, Hampi, in collaboration with the Department of Tribal Welfare, Bengaluru, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata and Akhila Bharatiya Adivasi Vikasa Parishad, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, at Port Blair.
- Dr. Venugopal P.N., Assistant Anthropologist (Physical), participated in the Workshop/ Training Programme on Research Methodology in Social Science organized by the Department of Anthropology, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with this Survey from 15th February, 2018 to 17th February, 2018.
- Shri C. Raghu, Anthropologist (Cultural) and Dr. M. Nani Babu, Research Associate (Physical) of this Regional Centre, attended the National Seminar on "Socio-Legal Rights of Tribals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands: Issues and Challenges", organized by the Andaman Law College, Port Blair from 16th March to 17th March, 2018.
- Shri C. Raghu, Anthropologist (Cultural) and Dr. M. Nani Babu, Research Associate (Physical), attended valedictory function of the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) on 14th March 2018 at Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair.
- Shri Anupam Datta, Research Associate (Cultural) participated in the International Seminar on "Social and Political Movements in Odisha: Past and Present" organized at Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, in collaboration with this Survey from 21st February, 2018 to 23rd February, 2018.
- Dr. Venugopal P.N., Assistant Anthropologist (Physical), participated in the National Seminar on "Perspectives on Land, Water and Population: Issues and Challenges" organized at Department of Geography, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, in collaboration with Survey from 26th February, 2018 to 28th February, 2018.
- Shri Amit Kumar Ghosh, Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural), was nominated as official delegate for the programme organized by the Daricha Foundation for showing their film "Sohari Likani" at villages in Raghunathpur, Purulia, from 10th March, 2018 to 15th March, 2018.
- Shri Amit Kumar Ghosh, Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural), participated in the National Seminar on "Anthropology: Institutional Settings and Cross Currents" organized at University of Hyderabad in collaboration with Survey on 28th February, 2018.
- Dr. G. K. Bera, Assistant Anthropologist (Cultural), delivered valedictory address at the National Seminar on "Role of NGOs in the tribal area of Tripura" organized by the Holy Cross College, Agartala, Tripura, during the period from 24th January, 2018 to 25th January, 2018.
- Dr. G. K. Bera, Assistant Anthropologist (Cultural), delivered lectures on "Tribe, Definition and Classification" and "Development of Tribal Policy in India" at the Refresher Course of the Assistant Professors of different colleges and universities of the North-East India conducted by the Academic Staff College, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, on 22nd January, 2018.
- Dr. R. R. Gowloog, Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural), participated in the 42nd Foundation Day Celebrations of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal. On this occasion, she attended the National Seminar on "Historicity, Livelihood and Emerging Socio-Cultural Realities of Sikkim: A Bordering State in Transition" during 22nd - 23rd March, 2018, and presented a research paper on "Traditional Dress of the Lepchas".
- Dr. B. P. Urade, Superintending Anthropologist (Physical), delivered a lecture on 'Significance of Sickle Cell Anaemia in India' during Popular Science Lecture Series organized by Raman Science Centre in the 7th Science Expo.



Dr. B.P. Urade, Superintending Anthropologist (Physical), delivering lecture in the 7th Science Expo.

- Dr. B. P. Urade, Supirntending Anthropologist (Physical), delivered a lecture in Ashram School on prevalence of sickle cell anaemia, thalassaemia and G6PD in India on 26th February, 2018.
- Shri S. K. Shukla, Assistant Keeper of this Regional Centre, participated in the Photo Exhibition and Workshop from 25th to 27th January, 2018 at Sub-Regional Centre, Jagdalpur.
- Dr. Abhishikta Ghosh Roy, Anthropologist (Physical), attended the National Seminar of INCAA at Guhati, Assam held from 21st to 23rd February, 2018 for paper presentation titled "Breastfeeding and Risk of Breast Cancer among P53 Bengalee Female Mutation Careers of West Bengal".
- Dr. Abhishikta Ghosh Roy, Anthropologist (Physical), as a Resource Person delivered a lecture on 8th March, 2018 during the 10 days workshop on 'Research Methodology in Anthropology' organized by Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta in collaboration with the Anthropological Survey of India.
- Dr. Nilanjan Khatua, Assistant Keeper, attended a National Workshop on "Perspectives in Palaeoanthropology and Human Evolution: Concepts, Methods and Issues" at the Department of Anthropology, Punjab University, Chandigarh from 06th to 09th February, 2018.
- Dr. C. R. Sathyanarayanan, Deputy Director (Culture), delivered a lecture on "Field Work" for the "Six Days Regional Level Research Methodology Workshop for SC/ST Research Scholars in Social Sciences" at the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), University of Mysore, Mysuru, on 2nd February, 2018.
- Dr. C. R. Sathyanarayanan, Deputy Director (Culture), delivered a lecture on "Social Exclusion" on 12th March, 2018 and successively on "Visual Anthropology" on 13th March, 2018, in the '1st Refresher Course in Social Sciences at the UGC- HRD Centre, University of Mysore, Mysuru.
- Dr. J.S. Jaya Sankar Rao, Anthropologist (Physical), presented research paper on "Dimensions of Tribal Health in India" in the National Seminar on 'Tribal Development in Contemporary India: Issues and Challenges' organized by the Department of Studies in Anthropology, University of Mysore, from 20th March, 2018 to 21st March, 2018.
- A contingent of Research personnel of the Southern Regional Centre, Mysuru, participated in the International Conference on "Endangered and Lesser Known Languages of India" organized by the Central Institute of Indian Language, Mysuru, from 21st February, 2018 to 23rd February, 2018.

- Dr. B.K. Mohanty, Anthropologist (Cultural) delivered speech (as Guest of Honour) on the occasion of National Seminar entitled "Philosophical Dimensions of Tribal Society" organized by Department of Philosophy, Mohanlal Sukhadiya University, on 2nd February, 2018.
- Subhra Sankha Barik, Anthropologist, delivered a lecture "Konark- the City of Sun and Beyond" in the National Seminar "Bio-cultural heritage of Eastern India: Theoria, Praxis and Poesis" on 29th March, 2018 in the Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta, under the aegis of Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology and Biotechnology, Government of West Bengal.

Executive Committee Meeting

28th Executive Committee Meeting of the Survey was held on 10th March, 2018 at the Eastern Regional Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata. Heads of the Regional Centres participated and discussed in length on Physical as well as Financial Target and achievement for the financial year 2017-2018.

Swachha Bharat Programme

- Under leadership of Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director of the Survey, a drive on Swachchhta Aviyan was carried out by the Head Office, Kolkata, among the boarder of the Sharada Kanya Vidyalaya, Barrackpur, West Bengal, on 4th February, 2018. Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava and Swami Shiwatmanand, Assistant Secretary of the ashram addressed the students.
- The Eastern Regional Centre of this Survey carried out awareness campaign on "Cleanliness is Next to Godliness" under Swachha Bharat Programme on 20th March 2018 among the students of Patharghata Free Primary School, Rajarhat, 24 Parganas (North) and Thakdari Polenite Free Primary School, Bidhannagar, 24 Parganas (North).



In the Swachchhata Aviyan at Sharada Kanya Vidyalaya, Barrackpur, West Bengal

- The North-Western Regional Centre of the Anthropological Survey of India, Dehradun, organized Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and conducted a series of awareness campaigns among the tribal students of primary school of Dunda of Uttarakashi district on 19th March, 2018; Mana Ghigrana, and Durgapur of Chamoli district on 21st March, 2018; Birahi of Chamoli district on 22nd March, 2018 and Bala of Pithoragarh district on 26th March, 2018. Campaigning programmes were delivered with motivational talks, poster presentation and distribution of materials related to spirit of the programme.



Out-reach with "Cleanliness is Next to Godliness"

- Anthropological Survey of India, North-Eastern Regional Centre, organised Swachh Bharat drive in the office premises on 22nd March, 2018 in a befitting manner.
- Special efforts were undertaken to improve the work environment including hygiene and cleanliness at its office premises at CGO Complex and in Zonal Anthropological Museum of the Central Regional Centre, Nagpur. In addition, the Central Regional Centre, Nagpur also organized a cleanliness drive in Dr. Sonutai Agnihotri Deaf and Dumb Residential School located at Chhatrapati Nagar, Nagpur in the last week of March 2018.

Rajbhasha

Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director along with some officials of the organization attended the the First Sub-committee of Parliamentary Committee on Official Language on 8th January, 2018 in Delhi, where on behalf of the Western Regional Centre of the Survey, Udaipur, he received the Certificate of appreciation for implementation of Official language from Dr. Satya Narayan Jatia, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Vice Chairman of the said Committee.



Hindi Timahi Karyashala at Shillong

Other

- In pursuance to the tribal scenario of the Kerala Sri A. K. Balan Honourable Minister of Culture, Backward Class Development, Law and Parliamentary Affairs of Government of Kerala and Smt. K. K. Shailaja Teacher, Honourable Minister of Social Welfare and Health, Government of Kerala, had made their maiden visit to the Head Office of the Anthropological Survey of India along with high officials of the Government of Kerala on 19th January, 2018. Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director of the Survey along with his research unit of Kolkata, responded with elaboration to the agendas as discussed in that meeting for in depth understanding of the tribal situation of the state.



In search of avenue- bilateral discussion with the Honorable Ministers, Govt. of Kerala

- In connection with discussion on scheduling/de-scheduling of communities as Scheduled Tribes; collection of data consortium of tribes, Shri S. K. Ratho, Joint Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi, visited the Eastern Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India on 23rd February, 2018. Under leadership of Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, a discussion on various pertaining issues was held in length.



Discourses - Interactions with Shri S.K. Ratho, IFS

- Dr. Shravan Kumar, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Culture, made his maiden visit to the Survey on 9th March, 2018. He was introduced to Research personnel, who had been engaged in the National Project individually. In hour long discussion, Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava briefed him about the ongoing National Project "Sustainability and Development".



Across the table- an evening with Dr. Shravan Kumar, IRS

- Dr. Braj Bihari Kumar, Chairperson, ICSSR, New Delhi, visited Eastern Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India office on 16th March, 2018. Discussion at length with the scholars, under leadership of Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director of the Survey, was held in that occasion.



Anthropologic - dialogues with Dr. Braj Bihari Kumar

- The Anthropological Survey of India, Central Regional Centre, Nagpur, observed the International Childhood Cancer Day on 16th February, 2018 with the young patients, their parents and social workers at the premises of Zonal Anthropological Museum with the active participation of the unit of Oncology, Government College and Hospital, Nagpur and Can Kids India, an NGO working towards cancer. A small programme for the young buds was arranged in the premises with making of kites and showing ethnographic films of Survey.



On the International Childhood Cancer Day

Superannuation

Dr.S.S. Misra, Assistant Anthropologist(Cultural); Shri Biplap Das, Research Associate (Cultural); Shri Subimal Chakrabort; Photographer (Micro); Shri Shankar Saha UDC; Shri S. Somashekar, MTS; Shri M. Mahadeva, MTS; Shri Rakesh Balmiki, MTS; Shri S. Somashekara, MTS and Shri M. Mahadeva, MTS have retired from active government service on superannuation.

New Joining

Dr. Piyusa Ranjan Sahoo has joined as Anthropologist (Cultural) in Anthropological Survey of India, Sub-regional Centre, Jagdalpur; Dr. Mithun Sikdar has joined as Superintending Anthropologist (Physical) to the Southern Regional Centre, Mysuru and Md.Nesat Rubb as Senior Statistical Officer at Central Regional Centre, Nagpur.

Promotion

Dr. B. P. Urade as Superintending Anthropologist (Physical) in Central Regional Centre, Nagpur and Shri S. Bhattacharjee as Photographer in Head Office, Kolkata.

Scholastic imprints

Gautam Kumar Bera "Cultural and Religious History of Tripura", Spectrum Publications, New Delhi & Guwahati.

Gautam Kumar Bera (Jointly with Samita Manna) "Brahminization in Frontier Bengal", R. Publishing House New Delhi.



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